

Application No. 10/028,315
Response dated June 24, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 14, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 28 are pending in this application. No new claims have been added.

(1) Claims 6-9, 15-18, 24-27 and 29-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Cain (5,681,608) as further evidenced by Pike.

(2) Claims 6-9, 15-18, 24-27, 29-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Cain (5,681,608) for reason of record and as evidenced by Pike.

(3) In this response, claims 6-9, 15-18, 24-27 and 29-34 have been canceled.

(4) Claim 28 was found to be allowed. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Limited Recognition, as attached, at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

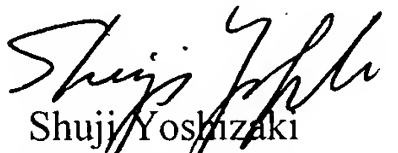
In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an

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appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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